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### CPSC, SFC America Announce Recall to Repair Fire Extinguishers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recalls in voluntary cooperation with the firms listed below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of Product:** Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers

**Units:** About 50,900

**Manufacturer:** Strike First Corp., of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

**Importer:** Strike First Corporation of America (SFC America), of Front Royal, Va.

**Hazard:** The fire extinguishers can fail to discharge properly when the trigger is activated, which puts consumers at risk of fire-related injuries.

**Incidents/Injuries:** SFC America has received three reports of the fire extinguishers failing to discharge properly when activated. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** The recall includes Strike First 2.5 lb and 5 lb dry chemical fire extinguishers with model numbers WBSF-ABC110AP, WBSF-ABC210AP, and WBSF-ABC340AP. The model number is located under the manufacturer's address on the far right hand side of the instruction label. The recalled fire extinguishers have the following serial numbers:

Model Number	Serial Number Range
WBSF-ABC110AP	TC101566 through TC108819
WBSF-ABC210AP	TC114969 through TC135000 VV822001 through VV832000 WH161001 through WH167622
WBSF-ABC340AP	TC135894 through TC142345

The serial number is located on the extinguisher's label, below the "UL" mark. The fire

extinguishers are red, and designed for commercial, industrial, multi-residential and vehicle applications.

**Sold at:** Fire extinguisher dealers nationwide from December 2002 through April 2004 for between \$13 and \$21.

**Manufactured in:** Canada

**Remedy:** Consumers with fire extinguishers included in the recall should immediately contact SFC America for information on how to arrange to have their extinguishers repaired.

**Consumer Contact:** Call SFC America at (800) 255-5515 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the SFC America Web site at <http://www.strikefirstusa.com/bulletin002.htm>



WBSF-ABC110AP



WBSF-ABC210AP



WBSF-ABC340AP

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To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at [www.cpsc.gov/talk.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp). Consumers can obtain this release

and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>STRIKE FIRST CORPORATION OF AMERICA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SERVICE BULLETIN #002</b></p>
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**TO: FIRE EQUIPMENT DEALERS & INSPECTION, SERVICE AND RECHARGE ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Strike First 2.5 lb and 5 lb Dry Chemical Fire Extinguishers**

- Models WBSF-ABC110AP, WBSF-ABC210AP and WBSF-ABC340AP
- Certain serial numbers only (see below)

**DATE: December 2005**

**Strike First retrofit program**

Strike First Corporation of America ("Strike First") is issuing Service Bulletin #002 as a supplement to Service Bulletin #001 issued in August 2004. Strike First has determined that the valve stem seat in a number of its 2.5 and 5 lb fire extinguishers assembled between December 2002 and February 2004 may prevent the extinguisher from discharging properly when the lever is activated. As a result of this condition, Strike First has initiated a fire extinguisher retro-fit program for these units. **RETRO-FIT KITS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL STRIKE FIRST DISTRIBUTOR, OR BY CONTACTING STRIKE FIRST DIRECTLY.**

**How to identify affected units**

Only Strike First models WBSF-ABC110AP, WBSF-ABC210AP and WBSF-ABC340AP with the following serial numbers are subject to this Notice.

<u>Model number</u>	<u>Affected serial numbers</u>
WBSF-ABC110AP	TC101566-TC108819
WBSF-ABC210AP	TC114969-TC135000 VV822001-VV832000 WH161001-WH167622
WBSF-ABC340AP	TC135894-TC142345

These units are designed for commercial, industrial, multi-residential and vehicle applications. The vast majority will be found in businesses and other commercial spaces, which require service by a fire extinguisher service company. To locate the serial number, look at the label of the fire extinguisher, below the “UL” mark, as depicted in the following photographs:

WBSF-ABC110AP



WBSF-ABC210AP



WBSF-ABC340AP



### **How does the retrofit program work?**

Strike First is making available, free of charge, retrofit kits for retrofitting the fire extinguishers that are affected by this Bulletin. Each retrofit kit includes a replacement valve stem assembly, and detailed instructions for removing the existing valve stem assembly from an affected unit and replacing it with the new valve stem assembly. Once the valve stem assembly in an affected unit is properly replaced by a qualified fire extinguisher service organization, the unit will discharge as intended.

**Dealers:** Strike First asks that you contact persons and organizations to whom you sold the limited class of fire extinguishers affected by this Bulletin, and provide them with a copy of the attached “Notice to Owner”, which describes the retrofit program and advises the owner how to ensure that the unit is properly retrofitted. In the event that you sold fire extinguishers affected by this Bulletin to another distributor or dealer, Strike First asks that you forward a copy of this Bulletin and a copy of the “Notice to Owner” to that distributor or dealer.

**Inspection, service and recharge organizations:** Strike First asks that: (a) you contact persons and organizations that are known to possess fire extinguishers affected by this Bulletin, and provide them with a copy of the attached “Notice to Owner”, which describes the retrofit program and advises the owner of an affected unit how to ensure the unit is properly retrofitted; and (b) in the course of inspecting, servicing and recharging fire extinguishers affected by this Bulletin, or as requested by an owner, you retrofit affected units in accordance with the instructions and using retrofit kits provided by Strike First.

### **Contacting Strike First**

For further information, or to obtain retro-fit kits and instructions on how to retro-fit your Strike First fire extinguisher, contact your local Strike First distributor, or contact Strike First directly: Strike First Corporation of America, 1330 Progress Drive, Front Royal, Virginia, 22630. Telephone: 1-800-255-5515. Fax: 1-800-822-5001. Email: [info@strikefirstusa.com](mailto:info@strikefirstusa.com) Website: [www.strikefirstusa.com](http://www.strikefirstusa.com)

## Appendix 1

WBSF-ABC110AP



WBSF-ABC210AP



WBSF-ABC340AP



## Appendix 2

### WBSF-ABC110AP



### WBSF-ABC210AP



### WBSF-ABC340AP

